THE

CRY

OF

OPPRESSION

Continued & Encreased in

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

BEING

A brief Relation of some of the late Cruel Sufferings of the People of God, called,

QUAKERS

In the said County;

For no other Cause but Meeting Peaceably together in Obedience to GOD and CHRIST JESUS, and in True Love to All People.

For the Oppression of the Poor, for the Sighing of the Needy, now will I arise (saith the Lord) I will set him in Safety from him that puffeth at him. The wicked walk on every side when the Vilest Men are Exalted, Psal. 12. 5, 8.

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TO THE MAGISTRATES AND PEOPLE OF Nottingham-ſhire.

GOD Almighty, who is a pure endleſs Fountain of perfect Love, perfectly hateth all Oppreſſion, and will certainly ariſe to deliver his Oppreſſed People: Oh! its greatly to be lamented, that any part of Mankind ſhould be ſo cruel and unnatural one unto another, as ſome of the Magiſtrates and People of *Nottingham-ſhire* have been unto their peaceable Neighbours called *Quakers*, for no other Cauſe but for meeting together to worſhip God as he hath taught them by his Good Spirit, which he hath given them to inſtruct them. Oh! that it were in the Hearts of theſe Men unfeignedly to Repent of their Cruel Oppreſſions which they have acted upon their peaceable Neighbours, that ſo they might find Mercy at the

Hand of the Lord God, when their dayes are ended in this World; this is the fervent Desire of those who are Oppressed by them: But if they Repent not, but go on in their Works of Cruelty, then the Just God of Heaven and Earth will bring his great and heavy Judgments upon them.

Oh Reader! consider; To what Purpose is it for these Men to profess God to be their Father, and Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Saviour, and the holy Scriptures to be their Rule, seeing their Actions are so Ungodlike and Unchristlike? God commands his People to be Holy, saying, *Be ye Holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy:* and his Command is to Man, *Thou shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart and Soul, &c and thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self; thou shalt not bear False witness against him, thou shalt not Covet his Goods, his Ox nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his, &c.*

Again, The Standing Unalterable Command of our Lord Jesus Christ unto *Christians* is, *To Love one another,* and not only so, but also, *To Love Enemies, and to do Good unto them. &c.* Christ and his Apostles never persecuted any about Worship and Religion, but they were persecuted by the Apostatized *Jews* and *Heathens.* The persecuting *Jews* said, *God was their Father*; but Christ told them, *They were of their Father the Devil, for* (said he) *the works,* or Lusts, *of your Father ye do; he is a Murderer and a Lyar, &c.*

Again, The Holy Apostle said, *Covetousness is Idolatry, and the Love of Money is the Root of all Evil.* Reader consider; Is it not plainly manifest, that this Root of all Evil is in these *Informers* and their Abettors. Christ saith, *Every Tree shall*

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be known by its Fruits; an Evil Tree cannot bring forth Good Fruit, nor a Good Tree Evil Fruit.

Again, The holy Apoſtle ſaith, *He Coveted no Man's Gold, Silver nor Apparel*; neither doth any true *Chriſtian* now; for Chriſt in them ſtrengtheneth them to keep God's Command, who ſaith, *Thou ſhalt not Covet thy Neighbour's Goods, &c.*

Again, The holy Apoſtle *John* ſaith, *God is Love; they who dwell in God, they dwell in Love.* And the holy Apoſtle *Paul* ſaith, *Love thinks no Evil, it envyes not, it doth not behave it ſelf unſeemly or uncomly; Love is the fulfilling of the holy Law of God* (in Mankind) as the Apoſtle ſaith: Where the Love of God is ſhed abroad in mens Hearts, and continued in, it leads them to love God with all their Hearts, and their Neighbours as themſelves, which Love to the Neighbour is, *To do juſtly unto him, as he would his Neighbour ſhould do unto him*; and this Chriſt taught and teacheth, ſaying, *Whatſoever ye would that men ſhould do unto you, do ye ſo unto them.* O bleſſed are all they who obey him, in keeping theſe his great and weighty Commands, which are for the great and univerſal Good of Mankind: But Wo to the Rebellious, who ſport themſelves in breaking theſe his great and weighty Commands; they are Enemies to God and Chriſt, and their Neighbours, and their own Souls.

Again, The holy Apoſtle *John* ſaith, *He who hates his Brother, is a Murderer, and no Murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him.* And the holy Apoſtle *Paul* ſaith, *The Wrath of God is revealed from Heaven againſt all Unrighteouſneſs and Ungodlineſs of Men*, becauſe *that which may be known of God is manifeſt in them, for God hath ſhewed it unto them.*

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The holy Prophet also saith, *The Lord hath shewed thee, O Man, what is Good, and what he doth Require of thee,*

To Do Justly, Love Mercy,
And Walk Humbly with thy God.

Oh! consider this, all you Persecutors, who persecute God's tender People for their Obedience unto him. God, *who is Light*, as the holy Scripture saith, hath shewed you by his good Spirit, that you would not be so done unto, as you have done to your peaceable Neighbours: And God's Wrath from Heaven will fall heavy upon you, and that ere long, if you do not unfeignedly and speedily Repent of your Ungodly Deeds and Words, which ye have done and spoken against him and his tender People: Ye must not alwayes sport your selves in Oppressing God's Inheritance, as you do; God will bring you down, and will give you a Reward according to your Works: and then, what do you think will become of your poor Immortal Souls? It is written in the holy Sctiptures, *The wicked shall be turned into Hell*, yea, *all the Nations who forget God.* Remember the Rewards of *Lazarus* and *Dives*, remember the faithful Sayings of Christ Jesus concerning the Righteous and the Wicked, *Come ye Blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you, &c. Go ye Cursed into Everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels; when I was an Hungry, ye gave me no Meat, &c. because ye have not done it unto these my Little Ones, you have not done it unto me.* Oh! consider this, you who Oppress the Poor and Needy, who instead of

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Feeding and Clothing his Little Ones, tear away the Food and Raiment which their Loving and Merciful Creator hath given them to ſuſtain them. Be it known unto you, that he who feedeth the Ravens, clothes the Graſs, and takes Care for Sparrows, he is Our God, we do put our Truſt in him, and caſt our Care upon him; and he will never leave us nor forſake us; *To him be all Honour, Glory, Obedience and Pure Everlaſting Praiſe World without End*, Amen.

We in Bowels of tender Love deſire you ſeriouſly to weigh and conſider your Work, and bring it to the Tryal of the Holy Spirit of God, which he hath given you to inſtruct you, which if you obey, will lead you to do unto your Neighbours and all People as you would have them to do to you. We do not find that your Cruelty is to be parallell'd in this Nation at this time; ſo our tender upright Deſires are, That you would ceaſe from Oppreſſing your Neighbours, and learn to practiſe that Golden Rule of *Doing unto them and all People, as you would they ſhould do unto you*: And if you be Chriſt's true Diſciples, you will obey him in theſe his great Commands, who ſaith, *Whatſoever ye would that men ſhould do unto you, do ye ſo unto them*: And he further ſaith, *Let your Light ſhine before men, that they may ſee your* GOOD WORKS, *and glorifie your Father which is in Heaven.*

True Faith is the Gift of God; & it works by Love; it is not forc'ſt into Mankind by Perſecution; but begotten in them by the free working of the Word of Life and of Faith (which as the Holy Apoſtle ſaith)

It is nigh thee, even in thy Heart and in thy Mouth, that thou mayst hear it and do it (or obey it.)

Perſecution may make ſome Men *Conformable Hypocrites*, but it never did nor will make any *True Chriſtians*: Therefore its greatly to be lamented, that any who bear the Name of *Chriſtians* ſhould be found in it.

This is given forth in Unfeigned Love, in which we ſeek the Well-being of our Enemies, both in this World and in that which is to come, and the juſt Relief of our Oppreſſed Friends.

London, *the 16th of the 8th Mon.* 1676.

William Gibſon,
Gowine Lowry,
Francis Moor,
Solomon Eccles,
Thomas Robertſon,
John Tiplady,
Hector Alin,
Joſeph Scot.

The Late Sufferings of the People of God called Quakers *in* NOTTINGHAM-SHIRE.

FOr being at a Peaceable Meeting at *Hucknall*, the 16th day of the 2d Month, 676. *Francis Clay* was fined 5 s. and 10 l. for the pretended Poverty of a Preacher. And *William Clay* was fined 10 s. for himſelf and his Wife, for which he had Goods taken from him worth 2 l. which the Officers ſold for 10 s. *Robert Thoroton*, the Juſtice, ſo called, bidding them, *Sell the Goods for what they could get, if they could get for Ten Pounds worth but Thirty Shillings*; and becauſe the Officers could not ſell the Goods ſo ſoon as he would have had them, he fined them 5 l. a man, and diſtrained their Goods.

Richard Bateman was fined for the ſame Meeting 5 s. and 10 l. for the pretended Poverty of the Preacher; and the ſaid *Richard* being but a poor man, they took moſt of the Goods in his Houſe, to the value of 2 l. and ſold them for 3 s. 6 d.

Elizabeth Clay and *Anthony Tomlinſon* fined 5 s. apiece.

Chriſtopher Brandreth fined 5 s. and 1 l. 5 s. for the pretended Poverty of five others, for which they took a Mare from him to the value of 4 l. which they ſold for 30 s.

Thomas Cockram fined 5 s. for himſelf, and 10 l. for the pretended Poverty of the Houſe, for which he had two Oxen taken from him worth 10 l. 10 s.

George Cockram for the ſame fined 5 s. had taken from him Goods worth 11 s.

John Bullivent the Elder fined 5 s. for himſelf, and 10 l. for the

the pretended Poverty of the Houſe, for which he had a Mare and Goods taken from him worth 3 l. the ſaid *John Bullivent* being a very poor Man, and not keeping Houſe, but dwelling in his Shop, being a Nailor, the aforeſaid Juſtice bid the Officers *take all he had, his Coat off his Back, and his Hat if it were on his Head, and his Hammer he works with.*

John Bullivent the Younger fined 5 s. for the ſame.

The aforeſaid Goods were diſtrained by Warrant from *Rob. Thoroton* called Juſtice, *John Smith* of *Remſon* and *Tho. Sharp* of *Newark* Informers; the ſaid *John Smith* was very Rude in his Carriage in the Meeting, uſing Threatning Words to the Perſons aſſembled, ſaying to one, with his Fauchen drawn in his Hand, *That he would thruſt it down his Throat*; and to another, *He would cleave him down, and run it into his Buttock.*

At another Meeting the 23d day of the 2d Moneth, 1676. at the Houſe of *Robert Grace* in *Sutton* in *Aſhfield*, theſe ſeveral Perſons following were taken by the aforeſaid *John Smith* and *Thomas Sharp* Informers, and had before *Arthur Stannup* called Juſtice, who fined them as followeth;

Robert Grace, for having the Meeting at his Houſe, fined 4 l. for which *Samuel Britain* took away part of his Houſhold Goods.

William Clay fined 10 s. for himſelf, and 10 l. for the pretended Poverty of the Owner of the Houſe.

Thomas Cockram fined 10 s. for himſelf, and 5 s. for his Wife, and had two young Beaſts taken from him worth 3 l. which the Officers ſold for 1 l. 8 s.

Elizabeth Clay fined 10 s. for her ſelf, and 10 s. for her Daughter.

Mary Leadbeater fined 10 s. for her ſelf, and 10 s. for her Son.

William Maulſon (*M. L*'s Son aforeſaid) was fined 5 s. for himſelf, and 1 l. for the Poverty of two others, for which two laſt fines the Officers took away a Cow & Houſhold Goods to the value of 5 l. 4 s. which they ſold for 2 l. 10 s. Officers Names are *Francis Scarcliff* Conſtable, *Tho. Urdidge* Thirdborrough.

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The 28th day of the 3d Moneth, 1676. the aforeſaid People were by the Officers kept out of their Meeting at *Sutton* in the Street, where the aforeſaid Informers finding them, took ſeveral with them to a Juſtice's Houſe, but it being late at Night the Juſtice appointed them and the Officers to come the next Day, the Officers came, but the Informers went to *Robert Thoroton* another Juſtice, who they thought might be readier to do their Work, who fined theſe Perſons following, and granted Warrants to make Diſtreſs on their Goods.

Robert Grace, *Anthony Tomlinſon*, *Joſeph Roberts*, fined 10 s. apiece, the Diſtreſſes made by *Samuel Brittaine* Conſtable and other Officers.

George Cockram fined 10 s. for himſelf, and 1 l. for the Poverty of two others had a Cow taken from him worth 3 l. 5 s. 4 d.

John Fullwood fined 5 s. for himſelf, and 10 l. for the Poverty of a Woman pretended to be the Preacher, although ſome of the Officers preſent all the Meeting time, did teſtifie to the Juſtice, before whom the Sufferers were firſt brought, that they did hear no words tending to either Preaching or Teaching; yet this *Thoroton*, upon the Informers Falſe Swearing, did grant a Warrant to make Diſtreſs upon two Perſons Goods for 20 l. for the Preacher that day: and the aforeſaid *John Fullwood* had Eleven Quarters of Mault taken from him worth 10 l. 9 s.

And *William Day* for the pretended Preacher was fined 10 l. and had his Goods diſtrained.

George Hopkinſon had Goods taken from him worth Twelve Shillings.

Robert Marriot fined 5 s. for himſelf, and 3 l. for the Poverty of ſix others, and had a Mare taken from him.

Edward Richardſon of *Kilverton*, for being at a peaceable Meeting at *Rowland Dabey*'s Houſe was fined 10 l. and they took away his Working-Tools, his Coals, Hay and Corn, Beds and Bedding, and other Houſhould Goods, and his Chil-

drens Cloathes, to the value of 16 l. being almoſt all the the poor man had, (he being a black Smith by trade) to the undoing of his Wife and Children as much as lay in the Hands of wicked Men; but great are the Mercies of the Lord.

Diſtrained by Warrant from *Robert Thoroten* of *Carconſon*, *Tho. Girton* Conſtable, *Chriſtopher Dent* of *Bingham*, and *Robert Wycam* Informers.

William Maultly of *Orſton* for the ſame, had 7. Strike of Barly taken from him worth about 17 s. by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton* called Juſtice, *Chriſtopher Dent*, and *Robert Wycam* Informers, taken by *William Dawſon* Conſtable, and *Hugh Lamb* Officer.

Robert Bullivant of *Over-Broughton*, was fined 10 s. and they took away his houſe-hold Goods by Warrant, from Juſtice *Hows* of *Langer*, *John Hickling* Conſtable, *John Dably* and *William Pilkington* Officers, *John Camſells* of *Everton* was fined 5 s. and had Goods taken from him worth about 10 s.

John Smith of *Everton* for the ſame was fined 5 s. and they took from him a pare of Boots worth above 8 s. diſtrained by Warrant from Juſtice *Sands* of *Screwby*, *John Baily*, *Thomas Reanes*, *Robert Flower*, and *Robert Mew* Officers, the Informers not known.

John Ouldam of *Calverton* for being at a peaceable Meeting at the Houſe of *Robert Bradſhaw* of *Oxen* was fined 5 l. and they took away his Working Tools and a pare of Boots worth about 3 l. 9 s. and ceaſed upon the reſt of his Working Gear (he being by Trade a weaver) ſince taken away; diſtrained by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton*, *William Hernſley* Conſtable, *Henry Marſhall*, and *William Martin*, and *Tho. Hutchinſon* Officers.

William Wilſon of *Girton* for having a Meeting at his Houſe peaceably to waite upon God, was fined 5 l. and they took away from him two Cows that were none of his own, but lent him by his Friends to give his Children milk, when his Goods were taken before upon the ſame account, and they ſold the Cows which were worth about 6 l.

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Thomas Crane of *North-Scarle* for going to the ſame had Houſehould-goods taken from him, by *John Cheeſwright* Conſtable, to the value of about 5 l. for a fine of 55 s.

Stephen Swinſco and his Wife of *South-Collingham*, for going to the ſame Meeting was fined 5 l. 10 s. and he being a Labouring man, and not having to anſwer the fine, the Conſtable took Goods from him worth about 2 l. 16 s. *And the Conſtable was fined 5 l. for not taking a Cow that this poor Man had, which the Perſecutors heard of, though ſhe was gone out of the Lordſhip three dayes before the Conſtable came to diſtraine or had his Warrant; ſo he was forced to give the Informers 20 s. to agree with them.*

Another poor Woman in the ſame Town having almoſt all ſhe had taken from her formerly upon this account, ſhe having ſince got ſome Bedding, and other Neceſſaries, they have now ſtript her of All, and ſhe forced to go ſeek lodging in the Town; and her Land-owner having a Bedſted which was left in the Houſe as an Earlcome, durſt not let it ſtand, though willing of himſelf, their Threats were ſo Cruel, being without Pity or Mercy.

Robert Carnell of *North-Collingham* for going to the ſame Meeting, was fined 10 l. and they took from him almoſt all his Houſehold-goods, he being ſeveral times before diſtrainned upon for the ſame thing; *And although formerly one that had Plenty of ſuch things, yet now is ingaged to a Neighbour for a Bed to ly on.*

Tho. Fox for going to the ſame Meeting was fined 5 l. 5 s. and they took from his Brother *Thomas Leeveſly* as many Spokes and hewen Fellows as were worth about 6 l. 6 s. 8 d. which ſaid Spokes and Fellows were made over unto the ſaid *Thomas Leeveſly* by Bill of Sale for ſome ſum of Money, the ſaid *Thomas* had paid for his Brother, and was made appear ſo to be before the Juſtice; yet the ſaid Juſtice refuſing to do Right put the Conſtable to diſtraine.

Mathew Hartly, a very poor man, for going to the ſame Meeting was fined 15 s. and being gone forth of the Town to get his livelyhood, *ſpinning Woll for 2 d. the day*, the Officers broke

broke open his Door, and took moſt of what he had there, being very little.

John Truſwell for going to the ſame Meeting was fined 5 l. 5 s. and they took away his Houſehold-goods, not leaving Bedding to cover them, but as it is lent them by others; and ſome of the Family lodge in the Town for want of Bedding; *This being a man alſo that has had Plenty of theſe things for his own Family, and alſo hath helped to relieve others before this Act came forth, ſince which he hath often ſuffered much*; and thus the Scripture is fulfilled, *They that depart from Iniquity are made a Prey.*

All theſe Warrants granted by *Robert Thoroton* of *Carcoulſton*, *John Smith* of *Remſton*, and *Robert Wycam* of *Orſton* Informers.

The names of the Sufferers, and the Towns where they live are as follow, of *Gerton*, *Richard Carter* Conſtable, *Roger Baradale* Warden, *Tho. Wilſon* Overſeer; *theſe three were fined 5 l. a piece for turning back two Cows when owned, and forced to take them again, and ſell them.* North-Collingham, *Richard Longmate* Conſtable, *John Roades*, *Robert Trawly* Wardens, *William Hall*, *Richard Godſave* Overſeers. *South-Collingham*, *John Tinſley* Conſtable, *fined 5 l. for not taking a Cow that was gone three dayes before the Warrant came to his Hand*, *John Crane* Overſeer, *Robert Millnes*, *Bartholomew Perkins* Wardens. *North-Scarle*, *John Cheeſwrite* deputie-Conſtable, *Jarvis Partridge* Warden.

Ralph Bateman and *John Bateman* of *Farnſfield*, for being at a peaceable Meeting was fined 20 l. and had Sheep taken from them worth 33 l. by Warrant from *Peniſtone Whaley*, *Robert Brown* Conſtable, *Edward Baington*, *John Gunthorp* Wardens, *Richard Bean* Third-borrough, *Thomas Hickbone* Overſeer, *Chriſtopher Dent* of *Bingham*, and *John Warin* of *Weſthorp* Informers.

William Watſon of *Farnſfield*, for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 20 l. and had Goods and Cattel taken to the value of 30 l. and had Houſehold-goods, with Corn upon the Ground

Ground not ripe worth 30 l. more, yet ſold all together by the aforeſaid Officers.

Andrew Hodſon for his Wife and Daughter being at the ſame Meeting, had two Swine taken from them, coſt 1 l. 10 s.

Mary Handly of *Edenly* for being at the ſame Meeting was ſtrained of, and the Officers thinking they had not taken enough, ſhe being from Home, they brake down the Wall and ſhot the Lock, and took moſt of her Goods to the value of 1 l. 18 s. and left Goods not worth 3 s. *John Horner* and *John Dallimor* Wardens, *Charles Ward* Third-bourough, by Warrant from *Peniſtone Whaley*.

John Wood, for being at the ſame Meeting, had Goods taken to the value of 10 s.

Stephen Moore, for being at the ſame Meeting, had a Table taken worth about 13 s. 4 d. by the ſame Officers.

Edward Wood of *Ekrin*, Wheelwright, for being at a peacable Meeting at his own Houſe, was fined 20 l. and had ſix Cows and two Heifers taken from him to the value of 19 l. 14 s. 6 d. when ſold they wanted 6 l. to make up the Fine and Charges, and a Neighbour (called *William Hurt*) laid down 6 l. and took away Wheel-Timber for the ſame; diſtrained by *John Holmes* Conſtable, *Richard Tomſon* ſenior, *Richard Peck* ſen. *William Moore* ſen. *William Johnſon* jun. and *Thomas Peck* Officers of *Ekrin*, *Chriſtopher Dent* and *Robert Wiſam* Informers, by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton*.

John Cam of *Kirſall* in the Pariſh of *Kneeſall*, for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 5 s. and for the Poverty of the Preacher, as they pretended, 10 l. and had two Cows, one Horſe and a Mare taken from him to the value of 10 l. 5 s. by *John Key* Conſtable of *Kneeſal*, and *John Wright* of *Kneeſal* Warden.

Thomas Eſtwood, for being at the ſame Meeting, was fined 5 s. and had one great Bible, one Warming-pan, one Pewter-Diſh taken from him by the ſame Officers.

Richard Hind of *Welley* ſen. for being at the ſame Meeting, was fined for himſelf and the pretended Poverty of Nineteen Perſons more 5 l. and had taken from him two Cows,

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one Yearling Calf, worth aboutSix Pound Ten Shillings *Cuthbert Walker* Conſtable, *Samuel Tongue* and *James Byllyatt* Overſeers.

Richard Birkit of *Knapthorp* for the ſame Meeting was fined 5 s. and for the Poverty of the Preacher aforeſaid 10 l which 10 l. 5 s. was paid by his Brother *Peter Birkit* into the Seſſions at *Newark*,

Roger Noble of *Kerſal* for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 5 s. and had Pewter and Brass taken to the Value of 12 s. by *John Key* Conſtable, and *John Wright* Warden

Elizabeth Johnſon for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 5 s. and it was was paid by her Husband *George Johnſon*.

Robert Bradſhaw of *Oxen* for having a peaceable Meeting at his Houſe was fined 20 l. and had taken from him two Mares, four Beaſts to the Value of 20 l. *William Aulcock* Conſtable, *Robert Buſh* and *Robert Stox* Overſeers, *Tho. Farnell Gabriel Martin* Wardens, *Chriſtopher Dent* and *Robert Wycam* Informers, by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton*.

For a Meeting at *Knapthorp* in the Pariſh of *Conton* in the ſaid County the 11th of the 4th Moneth 1676. by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton* ſenior (by *Chriſtopher Dent* of *Bingham*, and *Robert Wycam* of *Orſton* in the County aforeſaid Informers) directed to the Conſtable, Church-Wardens and Overſeers for the poor of *Knapthorp*, *Kirſall*, *Kneeſal* and *Kirton*, and to every or any of them; the Tenour whereof was on this wiſe, "Whereas I am credibly informed, that there will be a "Meeting at ſome of your ſaid Towns, or within your reſpe- "ctive Liberties, or thereabouts, on Pretence of Religion, o- "therwiſe then by Law is eſtabliſhed, theſe are therefore in "his Majeſty's Name to will and require you, and every or any "of you to bring the ſaid Perſons ſo aſſembled before me, or "ſome other of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this "County, to be dealt withal according to Law; thereof "fail not, &c. Given under my Hand and Seal, the 13th "of April, 28 *Car.* 2. Anno Dommini 1676. *Robert Tho-* "*roton*.

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So there being a peaceable Meeting in Silence by the High-way-ſide (being kept out of their ordinary Meeting-houſe) was taken by *Richard Taylor* Conſtable, and *Richard Greaves* and *Rowland Wilſon* Church-wardens of *Canton*, and had before *William Cartwright* of *Oſington*, and was fined as followeth, and Warrants granted to diſtrain *John Cam* of *Kirſall* for himſelf, his Wife, and his Brother *John Hall* 15 s. and the Money was paid by his Wife's Father *William Hall* of *Maplebeck*, who took away Goods from *John Cam* to ſatisfie for the ſame.

John Machon of *Kneeſall* for himſelf & his Wife fined 10 s. and had Goods taken from him to the vallue of about 10 s. by *Thomas Hay* Conſtable of *Kneeſall*, and *Samuel Lee* Overſeer.

Joſeph Humphrey of *Kneeſall* fined 5 s. and they took from his Father *Richard Humphrey* three Pewter diſhes worth about 7 s. by the aforeſaid *Tho. Hay* and *Sam. Lee*.

William Kent of *Kirton* fined 5 s. and had 5 s. taken by *John Preſtwood* Conſtable, and *Francis Roberts* and *John Woodcock* Officers of *Kirton*.

Roger Noble of *Kirſall* fined 5 s. which was paid by his Mother in Law *Mary Wright* of *Kirſall*.

Richard Hind of *Wellow* jun. fined 5 s. and a Braſs Pan and a Pewter Flagon worth about 6 s. 6 d. was taken from his Father *Richard Hind*, by *Cuthbert Walker* Conſtable, and *John Challerton* and *William Whitlam* Wardens, and *John Bullivant* and *Edward Gilbert* Overſeers.

James Hind of *Wellow* fined 5 s. had a Bed-hilling and a Blanket taken to the vallue of about 10 s. 6 d. by the ſame Officers.

For a Meeting at *Kirſall* in the Pariſh of *Kneeſall*, in the ſaid County of *Nottingham* the 18th of the 4th Moneth, 1676. which Meeting was Peaceable, and in Silence by the High-way-ſide on the Common, being kept out of their ordinary Meeting Houſe, the Informers came and took what Names they pleaſed, and they were fined as followeth by Warrants

rants from *Robert Thoroton*, *Chriſtopher Dent* and *Robert Wycam* being Informers.

Edward Wood of *Ekrin* in the County aforeſaid Wheelwright fined 10 s. for himſelf and his Wife, and 10 l. for the poverty of the Place (which particularly belonged to none except the Queen, to whom they pay *Common Fine*) which 10 l. 10 s. was paid into the Quarter-Seſſions at *Newark* the 12th of the 5th Mo. 1676. by the Officers of *Ekrin*, who took his Timber, and almoſt all his Houſhold-Goods to the value of the ſame; the Officers that diſtrained were *John Hollin* Conſtable, *Richard Townſend* ſenior, *William Moor* ſenior, *Thomas Peck* and *Thomas Machen* Thirdborows, *Martin Cam* Overſeer, and *William Moor* junior and *Thomas Salmon* Wardens.

Thomas Oakland of *Knapthorp* in the pariſh of *Conton* fined 10 s. for himſelf and his Wife, and 10 l. for the poverty of the place afore-ſaid, and had almoſt all his Goods taken and ſold for 5 l. by *Richard Tailor* of *Conton* Conſtable, *Richard Greaves* and *Rowland Wilſon* Wardens.

John Cam of *Kirſal* in the Pariſh of *Kneeſal* Wheelwright, fined 20 s. for himſelf and his Wife, and 40 s. for the poverty of *Michael Embly*, *Iſabel Roberts*, *Eſther Scrimſhaw*, *Roger Noble* and *Jonathan Humphrey*, and 3 l. was paid by *William Hull* of *Mackſlebeck* his Wife's Father, who took away Goods for the ſame, and ſeized of that little he had left.

John Kent of *Norlanthes* in the pariſh of *Rufard* Husbandman for being at a peaceable Meeting at *Kneeſal* the 25th of the 4th Moneth 76. was fined 10 l. 10 s. and had eight young Beaſts taken from him to the value of 17 l. by *John Gray* Conſtable of *Rufard*.

James Hind of *Wellow* Tailor for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 10 s. and had the Bed-clothes taken from off their Beds, inſomuch as the Boy about four Years old, the 2d. of the 11th Moneth 75. ſaid, now I muſt be fain to lie in my Cloathes, for we have nothing left to hap us) to the value of about 1 l. 13 s. by *Cuthbert Walker* of *Wellow* Conſtable, *John Challerton*, *William Whitham* Wardens and *Edward Gilbert* Overſeer.

Richard Hind junior of *Wellow* for being at the ſame Meeting

ting was fined 10s. and they took from his Father *Richard Hind* a Swine worth about 18s. by the afore-ſaid Officers.

Edward Wood of *Ekrin* was fined 10l 10s. for the ſame account as they pretended, though he was not there at that time, *John Warin* of *Weſthrop* in the pariſh of *Suthwell* and one *Johnſon* of *Bingham* informers, who came to the Town and informed the Conſtable *Thomas Hay* of the Meeting, and went their way. and the Conſtable was fined 5 l. and a VVarrant granted out to diſtrain by *Robert Thoroton* for the ſame, although he had ſet watch men to keep Friends out of the Houſe where the Meeting was to have been, and himſelf came into the yard where Friends were peaceable together, and the Meeting was diſperſed ſoon after; ſo he went to the Juſtice with the Officers that had the VVarrant to diſtrain of him that he might take in the Warrant, and another Townſman *William Trulove* with him, and they gave in the Names or conſented to the Names of Friends that the Juſtice read to them. Th. Fines above mentioned and the Goods diſtrained was by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton* of *Carcouſon*, a Copy of one of the Warrants follows.

To the Conſtables, Church-Wardens and Overſeers for the Poor of *Wellow*, and every or any of them.

Foraſmuch as James Hind *and* Rich. Hind *of the ſaid Town are lawfully convicted before me, for having been preſent at a Conventicle or Unlawful Aſſembly, on pretence of Religion, otherwiſe then by Law is eſtabliſhed, in* Kneeſal, *on Sunday, the 25th of* June *laſt paſt; theſe are therefore in his Majeſty's Name to require you to levy of each of the Offenders* 10s. *apiece, being formerly convicted, by Diſtreſs and Sale of Goods; which Sums you are to deliver to me, to be diſtributed according to Law; hereof fail not, as you wil anſwer the contrary at your Peril.*

Given under my Hand and Seal the 27th day of July, 28 Car. 2. Anno Dom. 1676.

Robert Thoroton.

The 9th of the 5th Mo. 1676. the aforesaid People being met togeher to wait upon the Lord at *Mansfield*, they being kept without the Gates to the Street-ward, which some call *Lords-waste*, others the *King's high-way*, and there came three *Informers* to the Meeting, viz. *John Smith* of *Remson*, *Edward Simson* of *Lenton*, the third not known by us, and they hearing no Declaration when they came, they sent for the Constable and took the Names of them they knew, and those they knew not they drew out of the Assembly, and put them to the Constable to have them before a Justice, and one Woman when she was put to the Constable did speak some Words to one of the Informers, which he said he would make preaching, so having sent some to one called Justice *Stanhop* of *Linby*, they went to *Robert Thoroton* of *Carconson* (a fit Instrument for their Purpose) who granted Warrants and fined them as followeth, *George Hopkins* of *Mansfield* for being at the said Meeting was fined 5 s. for his own Offence, and 10 l. for the Poverty of the Preacher or Teacher, as they pretended, which was but the Woman that spoke to one of the Informers, as aforesaid, for which Fines the Officers took 7 Quarter & 7 Strike of Mault, he being a Maultster, and they came into his House and looked into all his Rooms and said, they would have all his houshold-goods, they would not leave him a Spoon.

Robert Moor for his Wife being at the said Meeting was fined 10 s. for which the Officers took two pair of Shoes, and one pair of Boots, the said *Robert* being a Shoemaker.

John Fulwood Maultster for being at the said Meeting was fined 10 s for his own Offence, & 50 s for the Poverty of *John Bullivant* senior and *John Bullivant* junior, *Mary Leadbeater*, *Thomas Leadbeater* and *William Malson*, these five lived at *Scegby*; the Officers Names *James Hardy* and *Francis Watson* Constables, *Thomas Clark* and *John Pumtree* Thirdborows.

George Cockram of *Scegby* for his Wife being at the same Meeting was fined 10 s. for which the Officers took an Heifer worth 1 l. and they sold her, as *George* did hear, for 8 s. not offering to return any overplus again to him, the Officers Names were *Francis Scarcliph* Constable, and *Thomas Urdidge* Thirdborow.

Robert

Robert Grace of *Sutton* for himſelf and Wife being at the ſame Meeting was fined 20 s. *Elizabeth Brandrith* for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 10 s.

John Blackburn, *Samuel Whitworth*, *Elizabeth Whitworth* and *Elizabeth Fello* for being at the ſame Meeting were fined every and each of them 5 s.

Margaret Whitworth for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 5 s. for her own Offence, and 40 s. for the poverty of *Richard Bateman*, *Joſeph Roberts*, *Sarah Clay* and *Francis Clay*.

Richard Cooper of *Mansfield-woodhouſe* for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 5 s. for his own Offence, and 10 l. for the poverty of the Place where the Meeting was kept, it being without the Gates to the Steeetward, as is before mentioned.

Thomas Scoaley of *Warſop* for being at the ſame Meeting was fined 10 l. for the poverty of the Place aforeſaid.

Here followeth a Copy of one of the Warrants.

Nott. To the Conſtables, Church-Wardens, and Overſeers for the Poor, and Third-burroughs of *Sutton* in *Aſhfield* and *Hurknall*, and every or any of them.

Foraſmuch as Robert Grace *and his Wife*, Eliz. Brandrith, John Blackburn, Sam. Whitworth, Eliz. Whitworth, Eliz. Fello *and* Sarah Clay, Richard Bateman, Joſeph Roberts, Francis Clay *&* Margret Whitworth *of your ſaid Towns, are lawfully convicted before me for having been preſent at a Conventicle or Unlawful Aſſembly, on pretence of Religion, otherwiſe then by Law is eſtabliſhed, in* Mansfield, *on Sunday, the 9th of this inſtant* July; *theſe are therefore in his Majeſty's Name, to require you to levy of the ſaid* Rob. Grace *for his own Offence and his ſaid Wife's Offence the Sum of* 1 l. *being formerly convicted; and the ſaid* Eliz. Brandrith *the ſum of* 10 s. *for her own Offence, being formerly convicted;*

victed; *& the said* John Blackburn, Sam. Whitworth, Eliz. Whitworth *and* Eliz. Fello, *of every or each of them the sum of* 5 s. *apiece*; *and of the said* Margret Whitworth *the sum of* 5 s. *for her own Offence*, *& the sum of* 2 l. *by reason of the Poverty of* Rich. Bateman, Joseph Roberts, Sarah Clay *&* Francis Clay, *formerly convicted, by Distresses and Sale of Goods*; *which said sums you are to deliver to me, to be distributed according to Law*; *hereof fail not, as ye will answer the contrary at your Perils.*

Given under my Hand and Seal the 25*th day of* July, 28 Car. 2. Anno Dom. 1676.

Robert Thoroton.

William Day of *Newmenleas* Milner near *Eastwood* being at a Meeting at *Sutton* in *Ashfield* the 28th of the 3d Moneth, 76. was fined 5 s. for his own Offence and 10 l. for the poverty of a Preacher or Teacher, there being no preaching or teaching as the Informers pretended, as the Officers which kept us out of the Meeting house did testifie before *Arthur Stanhope* Justice in *Mansfieldwoodhouse*, and several others affirmed the same, nevertheless the Informers went to *Robert Thoroton* and he granted a Warrant against the said *William Day*, and they took away from him a Mare and a Heifer besides Pewter and Brass and Bedding, to the Value of 14 l. 10 s. 4 d. *John Smith* of *Remson*, *Thomas Sharp* of *Newark*, *Joseph Wilkinson* of *Nottingham*, Informers; *Thomas Gristed* Constable, *Robert Howet* and *Henry Winfield* Wardens, *Ellis England* Thirdborow; and the said *William Day* went to *Robert Thoroton* called Justice to let him know that he was wrongfully fined, and told him that there was neither preaching nor teaching, and if he would give him leave he could Produce several that would testifie to the Truth of it, and the said *John Smith* Informer standing by said, did not Widdow *Leadbeater* go on with a Narration of Words, and *William Day* answered, that what Words she spoke was in answer to him, and the Justice said

ſaid, if it was but one Word, it was enough. Witneſſes to the Truth of this, *Bartholomew Maſtin*, *Luke Hanke*, *Thomas Mee* and *Joſeph Potter*.

Edward Wood of *Ekrin* in the County of *Nottingham* Wheelwright for contempt of the *Eccleſiaſtical-Court* at *York* (as is pretended to anſwer *George Higgins* in a certain Cauſe of Tythes) was attached by a Warrant from *Peniſtone Whaley* and *Robert Thoroton* Juſtices dated the 2d. of *March*, 75. and by Certificate from *Henry Wilkinſon Official principal* of the afore-ſaid Court; and 37 s. was paid by *Richard Thomſon* junior of *Ekrin* for about 12 s. in the principal demanded.

Michael Embly of *Ekrin* had two Lands of Peaſe (worth about 13 s. being all he had) taken by *George Higgins* of *Ekrin* Impropriator, for the pretended Tythe of an Acre of Barly whereof four Cocks & half he pretended due to him for Tythe.

Thomas Farnſworth of *Scaftworth* for being at a peaceable Meeting had taken from him five Cows worth about 14 l.

Robert Spaula for the ſame had five Cows taken from him worth about 13 l.

Robert Nicholſon for the ſame had one Heifer, worth about 1 l. 3 s. 4 d. taken from him. *Zacharias Bower* for the ſame had one Cow taken from him worth about 2 l. 10 s. Witneſs *John Cumſal*, *Thomas Denton*, *John Binks*, *John Glover*. The Officers Names that diſtrained, *William Chapman* Conſtable of *Eaverton*, *Edward Chapman* and *John Batts* Wardens, *John Rayner* and *Francis Williamſon* Overſeers, *George Gantley* Conſtable and Warden for *Scaftworth*.

John Seaton of *Blyth*, for being at a peaceable Meeting, was fined 20 l. and had four Oxen and one Horſe taken from him worth 22 l.

George Greaves for the ſame Meeting was fined 10 l. 5 s. and had four Cows taken from him worth 13 l.

John Wilſon for the ſame was fined 3 l. and had a Mare taken from him worth 4 l. 10 s.

Garvaſe Creaſe for the ſame was fined 10 s. and had fourteen pound of Pewter taken from him worth 1. 5. Diſtrained by Warrant from *Robert Thoroton*. The Officers Names are, *Rob. Williamſon* and *Richard Mallken* Conſtables, *Garvaſe*

Pye

Pye and *Richard Emerſon* Wardens, *Henry Noedin* Overſeer, *John Brown* and *Thomas Moreſon* Thirdburroughs. Witneſs *Thomas Farnſworth*, *Joſeph Hudſon*, *John Couſſon*.

John Torr of *Scrooby*, for being at a peaceable Meeting, was fined 5 s. for his own Offence, and 10 l. for the Poverty of a certain Blind Man unknown, for one Meeting, and 1 l. fine for another Meeting, both Warrants amounting to 11 l. 5 s. and they took from him 4 Oxen worth about 14 l. 10 s. ad another Warrant from Juſtice *Sands* for the ſum of 10 s. and 1 l. which the Officers run in Charges about ſelling the Oxen, which they had taken away by vertue of the other two Warrants more then they ſold the Oxen for, as is pretended; ſo they took an Heifer from him worth about 2 l. 10 s.

William Kirkby of *Geatforth*, for being at a peaceable Meeting, had taken from him ſeven Beaſts worth about 12 l. 10 s. By Warrant from *Robert Thoroton*. *Adam Hutchinſon* and *Charles Tollet* Conſtables, *William Braſit* and *George Norman* Wardens. Witneſs *John Riganall*, *Peter Ancliph*.

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